bobgreenlee@comcast.net

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Thu, May 29, 2003 11:52 PM

Subject:

MB Docket NO. 02-277

Mr. Copps,

I am firmly against changing the cross-ownership rules governing the multiple ownership of radio broadcast stations in local markets or allowing single companies greater freedom in owning broadcast and print media. If anything, we need much greater diversity than we currently have and this proposed ruling will limit our diversity even farther.

A democracy depends upon an informed citizenry. How can we be a democracy when all of the news we hear is controlled by three or four very large corporations?

I live in Albuquerque, New Mexico and I find the only reasonable radio station, is the local university campus station. At least I know it is not owned by large company that profits by controlling the news I hear.

It is my understanding that the PUBLIC owns the airways and the FCC was founded to protect this PUBLIC interest. How is our interest protected by allowing a few exceptionally large companies to control essentially all of those airways?

You know the changes you are planning are NOT THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!! This proposed change benefits only very large media companies - not me.

Best Regards, Bob Greenlee

Ron Braxley

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 1:45 AM

Subject:

Broadcast Multiple Ownerships-Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Please do not relax the rules concerning broadcast multiple ownerships under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, which you will consider at your upcoming public hearing. Our radio spectrum is a valuable and limited resource which will become increasingly important as we move further into the information age. Please protect this precious resource for the benefit of all Americans.

To allow fewer corporations to own an even greater percentage of media outlets will in no way serve the public interests, and will only serve the interests of these already powerful conglomerates. Furthermore, to allow the proposed changes to go forward will reduce the local flavor of our media, may create problems in times of local or regional emergencies, will tend to homogenize discourse (surely a bad thing), and worst of all, may stifle minority and dissenting opinions.

To relax these rules will weaken the very real and American values of liberty and freedom of expression enshrined in our Bill of Rights. Please protect these rights.

Sincerely,

Ron Braxley Athens, Georgia

Christine Hoffmann

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 2:37 AM

Subject:

<No Subject>

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing you in lieu of the upcoming vote on media regulation. As June 2nd grows closer, it has become increasingly apparent that there is nothing that anyone can do to stop the inevitable outcome of this vote. This puzzles me because there are MANY people who do not wish for the rules to be changed. It is bad enough that there are only a few corporations in charge of our media, this further deregulation has potential to lead to larger, more powerful, more monopolistic media companies and it would lead to larger and stronger institutions of social control. This is a very scary thought because diversity in the media is something that many people count on and enjoy. Not only that, but by having only a few companies in charge of our news and media, much of what the public sees and hears will most likely be very biased. This will leave NO room for the opponent to fairly state their views, or broadcast what they want. Many corporations will be bought out and there will be no more independent media. Michael Powell claims that it is in the spirit of competition, but I would really like to know, if there are NO companies left to compete against, how will competition increase?

The other piece of this puzzle that not only bothers, but confuses me is that the FCC is legally supposed to serve the public interest, however, it does not seem that the public is at ALL interested in seeing media conglomerates grow bigger. As was seen on Lou Dobbs Moneyline, 98% of viewers believe that too few corporations own too many outlets of media, and only 2%, most likely those who will gain monetarily and people currently involved in mass media, disagree. Already there have been problems with Fox News being a total lapdog to the US government, now they would have the chance to become cheerleaders with unprecedented media permeation. Also, I find it a bit odd that there was NO time allotted for public comment, and almost no mainstream media coverage on this topic. I may have said I find it odd, but that doesnt mean it really surprises me. Those on the committee dont have anything to lose when they pass this decision, while we, the public, have plenty to lose.

I believe that this decision should be delayed and have more input from the public, and if not that, than more input from those who oppose it. I stronly recommend listening to the public--we are who you are serving. It is awful that in a democracy, something like this would be allowed to pass. The people have no choice in what gets programmed on television, broadcast on radios, printed in newspapers, etc. All because a few politicians want to save their own asses.

Thank you for your time.

Christine Hoffmann

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CC: FCCINFO Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC

Joan And David Little

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 2:37 AM

Subject:

Re: June 2 Meeting re: Broadcast Deregulation

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Joan Little San Diego, CA

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CC: FCCINFO Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, FCC

Joan And David Little

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 2:39 AM

Subject:

Re: June 2 Meeting re: Deregulation of Broadcast Media

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Joan Little San Diego, CA

Clay Cook

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael Copps, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 3:04 AM

Subject:

<No Subject>

Dear Commissioners,

Please do not act to permit further concentration of broadcast ownership until after FULL and OPEN hearings to inform your judgements.

I read a minimum of three newspapers, two conservatively oriented, and I have yet to see ANY commentary endorsing the changes you are expected to make on Monday. These expected changes are widely condemned on merit and on the method used to propound and approve them. Televised news mirrors the printed reports. Even William Safire has expressed outrage.

I am old enough to remember the days we trusted broadcast news. The "public service" requirement was observed. I remember men of principal like Ed Murrow, Fred Friendly and Frank Stanton.

Reasons for rule changes attributed to Chairman Powell are specious in the extreme. The arguments that alternative sources of information justify opening up sources to the free market are belied by the facts. Print, cable, radio and broadcast TV all have become MORE concentrated and LESS accountable in recent years. News has been converted to entertainment. We now trust only foreign news sources.

Further concentration will disgrace a proud tradition in the USA.

Clayton Cook cccook@eskimo.com (206)523-2469

Avis Cherepy

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 3:10 AM

Subject:

FCC

Commissioner Michael J. Copps,

I'm very concerned about the changes that are being proposed to the FCC. I would like for you to slowdown the process of making changes and allow more public comment. If the changes are a good idea, why can't they stand up to public discussion?

News Media has a function unlike and other business in our society. Our democracy is based on the idea of an informed people and the peoples right to know as much as possible and the more varied the source of information the more chance that people can make good decisions.

Commissioner Copps, I urge you to go slow and allow for more public comment before any changes are made.

Thank you,

Avis Cherepy

Isago I. Tanaka

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 5:22 AM

Subject:

Re: Broadcast Ownership - Docket 02-277

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I want rules in place that serve the public, rather than private, interest. I oppose taking a vote that leads to more media consolidation. On June 2nd, I urge you to retain the current ownership rules.

It is unconscienable and undemocratic to further narrow the diversity of opinions.

Setsuko J. Tanaka

joe lawrence

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 7:58 AM

Subject:

Outrage

Chairman Michael K. Powell:

This business of giving sway to our party's big corporate media contributors, most particularly in the absence of public hearings, is both an outrage to me individually and an embarrassment to me as a long-standing conservative and member of the Republican party.

While I daily defend the administration's actions, I cannot and will not defend this taking from the public to give to the very, very few. And I certainly cannot defend your methods!

The concept of "free markets" cannot, by definition, cannot encompass the giving away of the peoples' airwaves for political capital, whether in dollars or opinion mongering.

I have always admired and respected your father, but it appears the apple has, indeed, not only fallen far from the tree, but appears to have rolled downhill from there. Shame on you, and shame on your fellow travelers, whoever they may be! And I have to say here that this has the imprimatur of one Senator Rick Santorum, who also serves as a daily embarrassment.

Joe Lawrence P.O. Box 166 Eighty-four, PA 15330

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, letters@post-gazette.com

Brodsky & Treadway

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 8:17 AM

Subject:

Don't deregulate

Dear Commissioner Copps.

I value the role of government to limit the powerful from acquiring even greater power over the less powerful. Ready access to a variety of local opinions, and the easy of dissemination of local opinions in mass markets is essential to a vital society. Only by making the airwaves accessible to a wide variety of ever-new local voices can corrective forces work peacefully. The airwaves are today's forums. Without government control of the airwaves we give rise to a pressure cooker society. And we have seen too much of that in the past.

Sincerely,

Robert Putnam Brodsky

Bob Brodsky I Toni Treadway

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Brodsky & Treadway 69 Warehouse Ln. P.O. Box 335 Rowley MA 01969 USA

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Darcy James Andres

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 8:37 AM

Subject:

Strenuously oppose

I can not express strongly enough my opposition to any relaxation of FCC rules related to ownership of radio stations. It is my observation that enough of this has occurred of late anyway, e.g. Cumulus.

I have eliminated at least one local station from my listening choices. This not because of a format change, but because since the time this station was acquired by Cumulus it began to air what I consider to be slanted views of events. When I want entertainment that's all that I want and when I want information I'll tune in NPR.

Darcy Andres 523 Rockvalley Dr. SW Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 319.270.1968

ChezFrez@aol.com

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 9:54 AM

Subject:

relaxing of fcc regs

Dear Public Servants:

I am writing to urge you to stop the proposed relaxing of restrictions on ownership of media outlets. You must surely understand that relaxing these restrictions will silence many voices and limit the access that the American people have to information and opinions. A strong democracy depends on a well informed and educated electorate. How can our democracy stay strong and vital if all voices can't be heard? I believe the future of our country hangs in the balance. Please vote for democracy! Please don't betray the public trust! We are counting on you!

Siincerely, Vicki Fresolone

keithlangsdale@attbi.com

To:

Mike Powell

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 10:07 AM

Subject:

<No Subject>

Dear Commissioner,

The power of media is a real power which acts on us, which modifies our behavior, our tastes, and thoughts. This power gives people in the media responsibilities comparable to religious or political responsibility. In their own way they contribute to the establishment and maintenance of a human community. The well being of that community should be their first concern.

The well being of the people of the United States as well as the community of this country is the concern of all of us. One of the special pillars of this democracy is the diversity of the populace. The voices of that diversity must be heard on matters of supreme importance to our way of life.

I ask you to go to the June 2nd meeting of the committee, and move that the vote on ownership rules be postponed. If the need for rules changes is indeed a strong one, then it is necessary that we all have a voice in their consideration. One quietly publicized meeting in Richmond does not serve our country. President Bush has led us in a war to give the Iraqi people a voice in their government. We the people of the United States deserve no less.

So, when's the first public forum?

Thank you.

Keith Langsdale 43 Baker Street Amherst, MA 01002 413-253-1433

CC:

Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: therudys

To: FCC FCCINFO, Commissioner Adelstein, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Michael

Copps, Mike Powell

Date: Fri, May 30, 2003 10:11 AM

Subject: Keep Cap at 35%

Dear Sirs:

Please do NOT relax cross-ownership rules for TV and radio stations. It would NOT be in the public's best interest to allow mega-corporations to own up to 90% of the public's airwaves. We would like to keep some accountability and control over community standards and that will not be possible if YOU allow the elite few to control nearly everything. We also need access to a diverse group of programmers so that we can make informed decisions about important issues that will not be so easily silenced as they would be under the control of one or two powerful dictators. Please do what's best for the majority and not the few. Thank you.

Theresa Rudy of Florida

Larry Roberts

To:

Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner

Adelstein

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 10:22 AM

Subject:

upcoming decision

Dear Commissioners:

I haven't bothered to write about your vote coming soon, I figured, "what's the big deal?" -- and it suddenly occurred to me, the big deal has always been that the airwaves, radio, cable, etc -- the means of communication, are a public trust, belong to the citizens of the country. Protecting our rights is your job.

Please do not make it possible for a very few entities to own the majority of the public space. Any democracy depends on the availability of public space. Does deciding to let a few entities control the majority of that space really do your job?

I don't think so.

Thank you.

Larry Roberts 406 S. Plain Street Ithaca, NY 14850

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karter@dslextreme.com

To:

Michael Copps

Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 10:26 AM

Subject:

Thank you for fighting the good fight

Whatever the outcome of the vote on June 2, I and the American people owe you our deep gratitude and a well-deserved "Thank you" for your hard work to inform us on this threat to our democracy.

I have heard you several times on Pacifica Radio. I have emailed all my friends and many of my relatives so that they can at least be aware of the issue. This morning, I emailed my representatives to urge them to pressure the FCC to postpone the vote.

Again, thank you very much.

Neil Saaty San Pedro, CA

David Seigneur Michael Copps

To: Date:

Fri, May 30, 2003 10:54 AM

Subject:

Fw: If Passed, I can no longer supoirt the Republician Party

You should know our concerns.

David & Nancy Seigneur

---- Original Message -----From: David Seigneur To: mpowell@fcc.gov

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2003 7:34 AM

Subject: If Passed, I can no longer supoirt the Republician Party

Dear Mr. Power

If you continue to pursue the changes in Media ownership...We will no longer support the Republican Party, Pres. George Bush Jr., and Senator Gordon Smith [Oregon].

I am sure you do not care regarding our concerns as we are only two people, but if the Bush Adm. continues to be caught up in \$\$\$\$ Greed there will be no second four year term for the President.

Greed seems to now control the Bush Administration.

David & Nancy Seigneur

CC; President Bush, The White House Hon. Senator Gordon Smith National Republican Party

----- Original Message -----From: David Seigneur To: mpowell@fcc.gov

Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2003 5:16 PM

Subject: Media Monoploies

Hon Powell

I urge you not to change any FCC controls or requirements currently placed upon the media....keep it as it is!

I am very concerned that the changes proposed will siffen free thought, and speech and great a "Mono Culture" of power held by the very, very few. The media is already controlled by a "few" very "rich" and "powerful" individuals and a few CEO's of Media Corporations.

Currently the Federal Government has "de-controlled" or utility systems nation wide, and all it has gotten us is accelerating power rates, and CEO corruption.

There is too much "lobbing" in Washington for the benefit of very rich and powerful interests, and it has NOT been in. the best interests of the Country or it's citizens.

An open and competitive media owned by many, many individuals, and business are in the best interests of free and open competition, and freedom of a Varity of expressions. Allowing the media to consolidate

and form "Mega-Corporations" will be only interests of the "greedy"

David & Nancy Seigneur